

Report to Penn Coachman general membership regarding association with FMCA
May 18, 2026

During the course of several years and multiple executive and management changes, fragmented information has been assimilated throughout FMCA/FRVA membership. Much of this information, such as depleting financial resources and significant reduction in overall membership and membership retention has been true. A great deal of other information from a variety of sources may or may not be true but none the less has been circulated.

During our business meeting at the 2025 Pocono rally, one member suggested Penn Coachman withdraw from FMCA as a chapter. Rather than presenting the suggestion as a topic for discussion, the suggestion was made in the form of a motion. As there was no prior discussion regarding this suggestion, it possibly should have been presented as a topic for discussion, not as a motion.

I believe this subject was presented in light of the previously stated information as a possible preemptive measure in the event of the demise of FMCA/FRVA.

Literally, within minutes, these comments circulated outside of the meeting attendance and reverberated throughout Penn Coachmen and FRVA. Over the course of the last eight months, this discussion has continued to circulate throughout the FRVA community. Information has been embellished, exaggerated and altered way beyond the original discussion and intent. During the meeting the suggestion was made to form a committee to evaluate this suggestion. I emphatically spoke up rejecting the idea of a committee and committed to research additional information from fmca/frva. I have heard from multiple sources a widespread anticipation of a " vote" being taken at this meeting regarding Penn Coachman disassociating from FRVA.

The very basis of the foundation of Penn Coachman is as a chapter of FMCA. Therefore, Penn Coachman does not exist without FMCA.

On May 11th 2026, at approximately 9:00 p.m., I received a call from Paul Mitchell, national president of FRVA. Paul was responding to my emails and telephone calls requesting a one-on-one discussion regarding Penn Coachman.

I explained to Paul that Sue and I are constantly receiving questions regarding the status of Penn Coachman leaving FRVA. I further explained to Paul this information has been blown way out of proportion. Paul advised that he heard the same

information and explained a little more detail of what he heard. I choose not to go into detail regarding all that Paul relayed to me but, suffice it to say, some of the information was derived from the previously mentioned embellishment, hearsay, assumptions and personal bias rather than on truth. I attempted to correct Paul's account of some of what he had heard. I further explained to Paul that Penn Coachman has no intention of leaving FRVA. I cited the fact that the formation of Penn Coachman was as a chapter of FMCA. I further expanded by saying Penn Coachman is proud to be one of the oldest FMCA chapters with strong, dedicated and continually growing membership, strong financial position and extremely competent leadership. I asked Paul to be certain this message was relayed to FRVA leadership and management hoping these rumors, comments and questions would cease. This entire issue has been tremendously exaggerated and really requires no further discussion.

I then asked Paul for specific information regarding FRVA. The total membership as of our phone call was 39,653 F-numbers.

Paul reported that the Gillette international rally in 2025 grossed approximately \$30,000 in positive revenue.

Paul reported the Perry Georgia rally in 2026 grossed approximately \$200,000 in positive revenue. The Perry rally had slightly over 1,000 member units and an additional 200 vendor units.

Paul confirmed many payments by FRVA were in arrears including back taxes on the Cincinnati properties. Sales taxes to the State of Florida where five years in arrears and other late payments where inflicting significant financial penalties on FMCA. He assured me that current management had all of these situations under control and FMCA will no longer be paying such penalties.

I specifically asked Paul what measures were being taken to increase and retain membership. Paul advised that they are working on this issue and some corrective actions were the hiring of a new marketing manager and the ambassador program.

I asked Paul about the results of recruiting efforts at the Hershey show and Paul advised he did not personally have that information but it was readily available. He promised he would get that information to me as soon as he could.

On a somewhat personal nature, I asked Paul to explain the discontinuation off the RV basics program which I believe was an integral part of the FMCA educational commitment to our members and the RV community. Paul gave me reasons based



on information that was absolutely incorrect. I also believe the RV basics program was warmly embraced by Penn Coachman and many of our members who attended the sessions. Paul advised he would verify the information he was given and again get back to me. If necessary or requested, any further discussion of the RV basics program will be conducted outside of this meeting.

This report has been forwarded to the secretary of Penn Coachman to be included in the record of this meeting.

I will open the floor to questions comments and critique regarding the information in this report.

Submitted by Gary Cipa, Immediate Past President

